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Further to the IDS submitted at filing, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 submitting documents from the International Search Report, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the additional reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. A copy is provided. This submission is timely in that it is provided prior to a first action on the merits of the application.

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It should be noted that three additional JP documents were cited in the Action, but were previously provided with the submission of the International Search Report. Specifically, JP 59-135698; JP-09-063286; and JP 07-065586 were previously submitted.

Please take these citations into account, along with the information in the prior IDS and in the specification as filed at pages 1 and 2, and make their consideration of record.

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